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Title of Invention: ORGANIC SLURRY STORAGE BASIN COVER AND METHOD OF
FABRICATING AND DEPLOYING COVER

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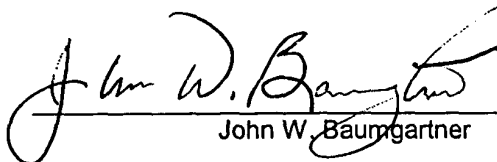
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